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5032; (F) STATE 116855

1. IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO EMBASSY PARIS FOR A RESPONSE
TO THE FRENCH REQUEST REPORTED REF A, THE DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT THE EC HAS
INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
LICENSES FOR US VESSELS OPERATING OFF FRENCH GUIANA IF
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THEIR CALCULATIONS FOR DETERMINING THE NUMBER OF VESSELS
(PARA 3 REF D) ARE IN ERROR. THIS WAS CONFIRMED JUNE 7
BY RAYMOND SIMONET, RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR FOR
EXTERNAL FISHERIES IN THE NEW DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR
FISHERIES (DG-XIV), WHO STATED THAT THERE WAS INDEED
CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE CALCULATION OF 65 ALLOWABLE
US VESSELS WAS BASED UPON "CATCH WEIGHT" OR "HEADS-OFF"

PROCESSED WEIGHT AS INDICATED PARA 3 REF B. HE SAID IF THE US COULD PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT BECAUSE OF A DISCREPANCY IN FIGURES WE WOULD REQUIRE MORE VESSELS TO MAINTAIN THE 1975 ANNUAL CATCH RATE IN 1977 (PARA 3 REF F), EC MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ADJUST THE CEILING.

2. RE LAST PARA REF A, EC OFFICIALS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES APPEAR TO ACCEPT THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE THAT THERE MAY BE ROUGHLY 100-120 US FLAG VESSELS ENGAGED IN SHRIMP FISHING OFF BRAZIL AND THE GUIANAS. THIS WOULD BE A FAIRLY LARGE PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL SHRIMP FISHING FLEET IN THE AREA OF ROUGHLY 500 VESSELS.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD INDICATE TO THE GOF AT THIS TIME THAT WE WOULD ACCEPT LICENSES FOR 65 US VESSELS FISHING "AT ANY ONE TIME" UNTIL WE HAVE EXHAUSTED THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A LARGER BOAT CEILING. FOR THIS WE REQUIRE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MORE COMPLETE AND RELIABLE SCIENTIFIC DATA ON SHRIMP FISHING IN THE AREA AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, AS WELL AS EXPLANATION OF THE BASIS FOR WEIGHING SHRIMP CATCHES AND INFORMATION ON THE TOTAL NUMBER OF US-REGISTERED VESSELS WHICH HAVE APPLIED OR INTEND TO APPLY FOR FISHING LICENSES OFF FRENCH GUIANA. WE UNDERSTAND A COPY OF THE STUDY COMMISSIONED BY CASTLE AND COOKE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND MAY CONTAIN SOME OF THIS INFORMATION. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS IN FAVORING US BOATS OPERATING OUT OF FRENCH GUIANA OVER US BOATS BASED ELSEWHERE (PARA 6, REF D). HINTON
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